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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ

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SUBJECT: COMMON FUND: OECD WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

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1. AS A GENERAL RULE WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THE MISSION'S COMMODITIES OFFICER (GORDON STREEB) BE INCLUDED IN MEETINGS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND WE THEREFORE INTEND TO INCLUDE HIM IN THE DELEGATION TO THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES IN PARIS ON SEPTEMBER 30 WHEN ISSUES RELATED TO THE NOVEMBER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE G-77 IN GENEVA WILL BE DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF OUR OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS' PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS, BECAUSE THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP IS CONFINED SOLELY TO THE ELABORATION OF THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF A POOLING ARRANGEMENT AND NOT TACTICAL ISSUES, AND BECAUSE THE DELEGATION ALREADY INCLUDES THREE OFFICERS FROM WASHINGTON, WE PREFER THAT MR. STREEB NOT ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING MEETING

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OF THE WORKING GROUP. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE MISSION'S COMMODITIES OFFICER FULLY INFORMED OF ALL DELIBERATIONS ON THE COMMON FUND, AND WE WILL MAKE CERTAIN THAT HE IS GIVEN THE BENEFIT OF ALL TECHNICAL WORK DONE IN THE OECD. CHRISTOPHER

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